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**To:** Michael Dayton  
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Sent: Tue Apr 22 11:09:08 2008  
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## Jim Gibbons

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From: Michael Dayton  
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 1:44 PM  
To: Jim Gibbons  
Subject: Re: Schedule

Sir,  
I did not ask Walt if it was an ambush. I told him we were invited and asked what was the purpose so that we are best prepared to address their issues. He told me that is was a small group of high school students who want to express their support for school funding. He told me given the economic picture, there wasn't much the Governor could do. Based on that conversation, I determined it would not be an ambush as it was earlier described.

On another matter, I had a discussion today with Commissioner Lawrence Weekly and he reminded me that he invited you to visit his church and would like for you to visit one of these days. He will be with us at the freeway dedication and he may mention this to you.

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## Jim Gibbons

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**From:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 6:21 AM  
**To:** Jim Gibbons  
**Subject:** Update

I am meeting with jerry hafen on monday to discuss dps and homeland security - the roll out for 4 SAGE is now scheduled for may 7 - we will work on your talking points before we release anything to ensure we are all well prepared - working with josh to put the leg team together - I am recommending that we hire an additional attorney so that we have back-up for josh - this will protect us - am considering hiring a part time person in the las vegas office to write speeches, etc and to back up ben - the work is there and that too will also protect us - we have the funding and still can respond to shortfall issues - your speech for the convention is done - ben did an excellent job - still working with josh on the ed vogel request - see you later

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**From:** Jim Gibbons  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 8:25 AM  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Subject:** RE: Legislative Leadership Meeting

I am a little unclear on all of this. Let's talk.

**From:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Sent:** Friday, May 02, 2008 8:49 AM  
**To:** Jim Gibbons  
**Subject:** FW: Legislative Leadership Meeting

Governor – Mike should be doing this – I question what it is he does if he is not doing this – this required personal calls from him to the leadership this is bs

**From:** Deanna Lazovich  
**Sent:** Friday, May 02, 2008 8:31 AM  
**To:** 'wraggio@sen.state.nv.us'; 'dttus@sen.state.nv.us'; 'bbuckley@asm.state.nv.us';  
'hgansert@asm.state.nv.us'; 'ghiggeri@lcb.state.nv.us'; 'stevens@state.nv.us'  
**Cc:** Dianne Cornwall; Michael Dayton; Josh Hicks  
**Subject:** Legislative Leadership Meeting

We have scheduled a Legislative Leadership Meeting to discuss the budget on Wednesday, May 7 from 11 to Noon in the Governor's Office. Please call Deanna Lazovich at 775-684-7129 with any questions or comments.

Deanna

## Jim Gibbons

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**From:** Michael Dayton  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 1:25 PM  
**To:** Jim Gibbons  
**Subject:** Iraq trip (Eyes Only)

**Importance:** High

Governor,  
Below are details for the GOV DEL to Iraq. You will be with two other Republican Governors (names not furnished for security purposes). Please let me know if you are still interested in going and I will commence with the arrangements.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wilmot, Dan Mr OSD LA [mailto:Dan.Wilmot@osd.mil]  
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2008 12:21 PM  
To: Michael Dayton  
Cc: Wilmot, Dan Mr OSD LA  
Subject: RE: Thanks...

Mike,

We are officially good to go for the trip, if the Governor would still like to travel.

Sunday, 18 May through Thursday 22 May.

We will depart the morning of the 18th so it would be best to have him RON in DC on Saturday night. If you can have his security or staffer drop him off at the River Entrance of the Pentagon around 0800-0830 (more specific time to come later) we will take him from there.

I will send out an email with a little more specifics on what to wear, bring etc....

Let me know if he is still interested.

v/r

Dan Wilmot  
DASD for Intergovernmental Affairs (OSD-LA)  
(703) 692-3264 wk  
(703) 489-3361 cell

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**From:** Jim Gibbons  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 9:36 AM  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall; Michael Dayton  
**Subject:** FW: Am forwarding this to you per John Mason's request...

We need to have Monte address this issue with John Mason.

**From:** Chuck Muth [mailto:chuckmuth@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 08, 2008 7:27 PM  
**To:** Jim Gibbons  
**Cc:** John Mason  
**Subject:** Am forwarding this to you per John Mason's request...

John is in Puerto Rico and did not know how to reach you directly. He passed along some comments to relay to you. My home number is 884-9264.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** John Mason  
**To:** chuckmuth@earthlink.net  
**Cc:** Jim.Gibbons@mail.house.gov ; pmwade@wadedevelopment.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 08, 2008 6:44 PM  
**Subject:** Bruce james

Dear Chuck. I love your incisive comments and real world approach to conservative issues. You ALWAYS tell it like it is. In that regard I know that you do not know that blowhard Bruce James in a drunken stupor in DC. tried to molest one of my daughters. When I read his name in print it makes my blood boil. Governor Gibbons knows what happened and was told about it immediately after it happened about 5 years ago. Senator Ensign, Governor Guinn and then White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales were all aware of it as well. I chose, at the Counsel's request not to pursue action against the newly appointed federal printer but I will not see this deviant oaf back in the Nevada public eye without the truth being known and Mr. James being exposed for what he is. Please Chuck, if I do not have the correct email address above for the Governor, forward this to him. He may need a walk down memory lane before this sad incident comes back publicly to haunt those who were made aware of what undeniably (even by Mr. James) happened (and I am advised this was only the tip of the iceberg). I am prepared to keep Mr. James oversized skeleton in the closet, but not if he thinks for a minute it can be ignored like the crazy uncle in the attic.

Your proven 100% reliable and honest friend and fan, John Mason

**Jim Gibbons**

**From:** Jim Gibbons  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 9:37 AM  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Subject:** RE: Boards and Commissions

OK, I think that a review would be prudent.

**From:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 9:16 AM  
**To:** Jim Gibbons  
**Subject:** Boards and Commissions

I am having an audit done with regard to our appointments to Boards and Commissions to see what the spread is for McDonald Carano - I know most of our appointments have come from that firm - I upset mike and nick this morning when I asked - so be prepared to defend this - we are getting a reputation for appointing mostly from that firm - Mike is too close - I don't expect anything from you just support

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## Jim Gibbons

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**From:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 8:46 AM  
**To:** Jim Gibbons  
**Subject:** RE: No new taxes & No sanctuary cities

You have not nor will you violate your tax pledge - and sanctuary city - absolutely not - we will respond

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 7:21 AM  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall  
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**From:** Bob Yeary <ray89110@yahoo.com>  
**To:** Jim Gibbons  
**Sent:** Tue May 13 14:49:45 2008  
**Subject:** No new taxes & No sanctuary cities

Please honor your pledge to not raise taxes. Also, Las Vegas is a SANCTURY city with more than 300,000 illegal aliens . The sheriff protects them, which violates federal law and burdens our schools, hospitals etc, and costs 100's of millions of dollars to our budget deficit. ILLEGALS bring more CRIME and DRUGS to our community. Thanks for the drugs dogs being used on I - 15. I understand they are very busy. Your congressional voting record to secure our border and stop the illegal alien invasion was excellent. Please continue enforcing the laws as Governor and force AG Cortez to ENFORCE AB 383 which punishes employers of illegal/undocumented alien workers who take jobs from NEVADANS and keep wages and taxes low. Remember your oath of office to enforce ALL the law ( unlike the sheriff ) and remember that we ARE being INVADED by ILLEGAL ALIENS.

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2008 7:25 AM  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Subject:** Fw: (UNCLASSIFIED)

**Attachments:** BRP Open Meeting Law-BG Fitch and BG Burks.doc



BRP Open Meeting  
Law-BG Fitch ...

Have we resolved this issue yet? Ask Josh for his opinion. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Burks William R Brig Gen <William.Burks@pentagon.af.mil>  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Cc:** Jim Gibbons; ron.bath@rjbath.com <ron.bath@rjbath.com>  
**Sent:** Mon May 19 06:46:31 2008  
**Subject:** FW: (UNCLASSIFIED)

Dianne -

Please see the email trail concerning the BRP and whether it is subject to the open meet laws in Nevada. Gen Bath or I can give you in person how the issue was raised, if you are interested. Since the issue was raised outside the BRP, I thought it prudent to ask the Guard JAG for an opinion on it. His opinion is attached and doesn't say much, other than he thinks the BRP might be subject to the open meeting law. I know we don't receive any State Funding so that might be a mitigating factor, in addition we also dive into classified discussions on a regular basis and are really looking at how to expand the Federal missions that the Nevada National Guard performs and in so doing benefit the State with their State Missions. In any case, can you have Mr. Josh Hicks look into whether the BRP is subject to the opening meeting laws and whether we need to get an Attorney General's ruling. Thank you.

V/r  
Bill

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**From:** Burks William R Brig Gen  
**Sent:** Mon 5/19/2008 9:36 AM  
**To:** Kirkland Cindy MG, HQNV/TAG; Blower Richard Lt Col NVMD-JAG

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Cc: Fitch, Bob; Bittick Mark COL NVMD-ARNG; ron.bath@rjbath.com; Fornof, Terrence B Col USAF ACC USAFWC/A8, NV ANG; McCaffrey, Peter M Col USAF ACC USAFWC/A5,CCR; Schwamm, Michael A Col USAF ACC USAFWC/CCG; TURNER, GARY G Col 152 AW/CC/CC; Tims Wendy Maj HQNV  
Subject: RE: (UNCLASSIFIED)

Gen

I will follow your direction and send the information to Governor's office for guidance. However the emphasis of the BRP is concerned with identifying the Vision for the Nevada Guard and its Federal Processes and Missions and transmit that to the Governor. Even though it was attributed to you as for how the issue of the Open Meeting Law was raised, it really doesn't matter how or who raised it, since it was raised outside the BRP. Thank you for your quick response.

V/r  
Bill

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From: Kirkland Cindy MG, HQNV/TAG [mailto:cindy.kirkland@NVRENO.ang.af.mil]  
Sent: Thu 5/15/2008 6:29 PM  
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Bill, I shared your message below with the JAG. The BRP proceedings were initiated by a Governor's Executive Order and therefore, if a formal AG opinion is sought it should be the Panel or the Governor's office requesting it. As neither I or the NG itself is officially part of the process, only certain members appointed by the Governor, it would not be me who asks for the opinion. It is also not my decision how you or the Panel chooses to proceed as, again, I am not part of that process. I suggest you ask for the opinion of the Governor's legal advisor, Josh Hicks, on how you should proceed. It is not I who asked for or raised the issue of the Open Meeting Law. It is my understanding that this issue was raised by Ron Bath. And, as the meetings that occur at the Guard are part of our Federal Processes and not part of a formal "State Public Body" established by State Executive

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or Legislative order or statute, the "State" open meeting laws do not apply.

v/r

Maj Gen Cindy Kirkland  
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Director, Nevada Military Department  
(775)887-7302/DSN 530-7302  
Cell: (775)287-5059

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At a recent BRP meeting, it was mentioned that you were wondering if BRP deliberations and meetings were subject to the open meeting law, and so we sought clarification. Please find the attached opinion rendered from the NNG's JAG office concerning the subject.

Since LTC Blower, as a department legal advisor, suggests an AG opinion, if such an opinion is sought, we would defer that request to you at the cabinet level. The long term impact of his conservative interpretation may very well open up all meetings you and the other senior members of the NNG conduct within and for the State of Nevada's Military Department. Please note that the BRP does not receive any "Nevada Tax Revenues" for its purpose, and will only craft alternatives for the Governor, but on the other hand, the NNG does receive tax revenues for its state mission.

If you desire, we are prepared to post notice and open the meetings to whomever might appear. In my humble opinion it could open "Pandora's Box" to long time National Guard mis-contents, anti-military groups and the likes. But the BRP wants to be totally within the bounds of the law at all times, and never jeopardize the Nevada Military Department. My suggestion would be that since we normally are discussing most issues at the classified level, that you to take the position that we are not subject to the

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requirement and that we press forward with our work. A middle ground alternative could be that we post notice and open the meetings once our report is ready to be forwarded to Gov Gibbons, but I am standing by to hear how you wish to proceed.

V/r

Bill

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From: Blower, Rick LTC <rick.blower@us.army.mil>  
To: Fitch, Bob BG <bfitch@nevp.com>  
Cc: Burks, William BG <william.burks@nvreno.ang.af.mil>  
Sent: Wed May 14 12:44:41 2008  
Subject: RE: (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

BG Fitch and BG Burks,

Attached please find my opinion concerning the BRP and Nevada's Open Meeting Law (OML). As I note, this is my first foray into this issue, and am certainly not an expert on the issue. However, my review of the statutes and Attorney General opinions leads me to conclude that the BRP may be subject to the OML. I recommend that the BRP seek an opinion from the Attorney General's office to get a ruling on this issue.

Rick Blower, Lt Col  
SJA  
JFHQ-NV  
Phone (775) 884-8411  
Fax (775) 887-7279  
Cell (775) 720-9983

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Rick, would you please provide an initial reading of the applicability of Nevada's Open Meeting Law as it relates to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel? The purpose is to then have the TAG make a decision as to how to proceed with respect to the BRP and Open Meetings in an unclassified venue. Will we need to get an opinion from the Attorney General's office as well? Our next scheduled meeting is 21 May 08. Thanks...Bob

Bob Fitch

Change Management, Manager

Enterprise Work & Asset Management (EWAM)

(775) 834-5878 office

(775) 813-5878 cell

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**To:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Subject:** Re: Schedule

Well, the letter still needs to go out, because it is not a question of "not asking for the tickets", but rather that there was a request for better seating and Nick "accepted" the "free" tickets. It doesn't matter whether or not he "asked" for them. Nick has a rather influential position in the administration and the gift of tickets could be viewed wrongly and we need to control the perception of influence peddling in a potential news story.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Dianne Cornwall  
**To:** Jim Gibbons  
**Sent:** Tue Apr 22 10:49:09 2008  
**Subject:** RE: Schedule

Nick Mike and I met - Mike said he didn't think that Nick had done anything wrong - because Nick said he didn't - and because the cost of the tickets was not substantial. Nick said he just called his friend to get good seats and they offered the tickets - Mike said it was a he said she said situation and it could not be proven. So that's where it sits. He told Nick to write a letter saying that he did not ask for the tickets.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jim Gibbons  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 9:49 AM  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Subject:** Re: Schedule

Dianne,

Did we send the letter we talked about to Nick? Secondly, it is important to me that we document our actions regarding Nick's actions just in case there is ever a question raised about this issue.

Finally, I have asked that Mike attend the CC Advisory Council on my behalf. This is not an optional decision for Mike. He is the Chief of Staff and knows the budget issues as well as anyone. And, he needs to represent the Governor at this meeting. These people have set up an ambush on the K-12 funding and Mike needs to be prepared to deal with them effectively. Please pass this information on to Mike. Thanks,

Jim Gibbons  
Governor

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From: Dianne Cornwall

To: Jim Gibbons

Sent: Tue Apr 22 08:57:47 2008

Subject: Schedule

First and foremost -- Nick was granted complete exoneration with regard to asking the Grand Sierra for tickets from Mike -- now Mike is refusing to go to the Clark County School Board's Advisory Council to give a presentation in favor of coming to Carson City to attend the Grand opening of the Marriot with Gary Goetz -- Governor this is enough -- Mike needs to stay in Las Vegas and do what it is you asked him to do and I can cover you at the Grand opening of the Marriot -- enough is enough

DIANNE CORNWALL

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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## Jim Gibbons

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From: Dianne Cornwall  
Sent: Saturday, May 03, 2008 7:12 AM  
To: Jim Gibbons  
Subject: Nxt wk

Know it is tuff - things to get better - here's press we have scheduled for next week. This is the kind of planning we have needed and we will continue to cue up all the positive things your office does.

I am in Tucson on monday and tuesday - chelsey having heart cath. However andrew and josh will update you on budget issues, etc. We discussed these at length and I have established a weekly conference call among your staff and the shadow government to discuss these issues - will enhance communication - we have a meeting with leg leadership to discuss budget issues - I discussed my pt of view with josh and andrew so they know how I feel and what I think should be done - no right answers - but we do have specific suggestions - if you need anything I am on my blackberry and phone - don't hesitate to call me --

Monday, May 5:

- \* Press release on tax amnesty program that's going before the Tax Commission Monday morning.
- \* Media Advisory on Wednesday meeting of Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Task Force.
- \* Release of Governor's remarks at Ormat's Geothermal Power

Tuesday, May 6:

- \* Press release on Wal-Mart's selection of Nevada as a part of its project auditing a state building's energy efficiency.

Wednesday, May 7:

- \* SAGE Commission Press Conference.
- \* Press Release on Meeting with Legislative Leaders - tentative.

Thursday, May 8:

- \* Release of Governor's remarks at Fallen Officer Memorial, with photo.

Friday, May 9:

- \* Press release on two proclamations making the coming week "Police Week" and "National Women's Health Week in Nevada."

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**Jim Gibbons**

**From:** Jim Gibbons  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 9:36 AM  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall; Michael Dayton  
**Subject:** FW: Am forwarding this to you per John Mason's request...

We need to have Monte address this issue with John Mason.

**From:** Chuck Muth [mailto:chuckmuth@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 08, 2008 7:27 PM  
**To:** Jim Gibbons  
**Cc:** John Mason  
**Subject:** Am forwarding this to you per John Mason's request...

John is in Puerto Rico and did not know how to reach you directly. He passed along some comments to relay to you. My home number is 884-9264.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** John Mason  
**To:** [chuckmuth@earthlink.net](mailto:chuckmuth@earthlink.net)  
**Cc:** [Jim.Gibbons@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jim.Gibbons@mail.house.gov) ; [pmwade@wadedevelopment.com](mailto:pmwade@wadedevelopment.com)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 08, 2008 6:44 PM  
**Subject:** Bruce.james

Dear Chuck. I love your incisive comments and real world approach to conservative issues. You ALWAYS tell it like it is. In that regard I know that you do not know that blowhard Bruce James in a drunken stupor in DC. tried to molest one of my daughters. When I read his name in print it makes my blood boil. Governor Gibbons knows what happened and was told about it immediately after it happened about 5 years ago. Senator Ensign, Governor Guinn and then White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales were all aware of it as well. I chose, at the Counsel's request not to pursue action against the newly appointed federal printer but I will not see this deviant oaf back in the Nevada public eye without the truth being known and Mr. James being exposed for what he is. Please Chuck, if I do not have the correct email address above for the Governor, forward this to him. He may need a walk down memory lane before this sad incident comes back publicly to haunt those who were made aware of what undeniably (even by Mr. James) happened (and I am advised this was only the tip of the iceberg). I am prepared to keep Mr. James oversized skeleton in the closet, but not if he thinks for a minute it can be ignored like the crazy uncle in the attic.

Your proven 100% reliable and honest friend and fan, John Mason

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## Jim Gibbons

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From: Dianne Cornwall  
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2008 7:27 AM  
To: Jim Gibbons  
Subject: Re: (UNCLASSIFIED)

Yes they are not required to conform - even blessed by the attorney general - where are you and when do you get home

----- Original Message -----

From: Jim Gibbons  
To: Dianne Cornwall  
Sent: Thu May 22 07:24:46 2008  
Subject: Fw: (UNCLASSIFIED)

Have we resolved this issue yet? Ask Josh for his opinion. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: Burks William R Brig Gen <William.Burks@pentagon.af.mil>  
To: Dianne Cornwall  
Cc: Jim Gibbons; ron.bath@rjbath.com <ron.bath@rjbath.com>  
Sent: Mon May 19 06:46:31 2008  
Subject: FW: (UNCLASSIFIED)

Dianne -

Please see the email trail concerning the BRP and whether it is subject to the open meet laws in Nevada. Gen Bath or I can give you in person how the issue was raised, if you are interested. Since the issue was raised outside the BRP, I thought it prudent to ask the Guard JAG for an opinion on it. His opinion is attached and doesn't say much, other than he thinks the BRP might

be subject to the open meeting law. I know we don't receive any State Funding so that might be a mitigating factor, in addition we also dive into classified discussions on a regular basis and are really looking at how to expand the Federal missions that the Nevada National Guard performs and in so doing benefit the State with their State Missions. In any case, can you have Mr. Josh Hicks look into whether the BRP is subject to the opening meeting laws and whether we need to get an Attorney General's ruling. Thank you.

V/r  
Bill

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From: Burks William R Brig Gen  
Sent: Mon 5/19/2008 9:36 AM  
To: Kirkland Cindy MG, HQNV/TAG; Blower Richard Lt Col NVMD-JAG  
Cc: Fitch, Bob; Bittick Mark COL NVMD-ARNG; ron.bath@rjbath.com; Fornof, Terrence B Col USAF ACC USAF WC/A8, NV ANG; McCaffrey, Peter M Col USAF ACC USAF WC/A5, CCR; Schwamm, Michael A Col USAF ACC USAF WC/CCG; TURNER, GARY G Col 152 AW/CC/CC; Tims Wendy, Maj HQNV  
Subject: RE: (UNCLASSIFIED)

Gen

I will follow your direction and send the information to Governor's office for guidance. However the emphasis of the BRP is concerned with identifying the Vision for the Nevada Guard and its Federal Processes and Missions and transmit that to the Governor. Even though it was attributed to you as for how the issue of the Open Meeting Law was raised, it really doesn't matter how or who raised it, since it was raised outside the BRP. Thank you for your quick response.

V/r  
Bill

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From: Kirkland Cindy MG, HQNV/TAG [mailto:cindy.kirkland@NVRENO.ang.af.mil]  
Sent: Thu 5/15/2008 6:29 PM  
To: Burks William R Brig Gen ; Blower Richard Lt Col NVMD-JAG  
Cc: Fitch, Bob; Bittick Mark COL NVMD-ARNG; ron.bath@rjbath.com; Fornof, Terrence B Col USAF ACC USAFWC/A8, NV ANG; McCaffrey, Peter M Col USAF ACC USAFWC/A5,CCR; Schwamm, Michael A Col USAF ACC USAFWC/CCG; TURNER, GARY G Col 152 AW/CC/CC; Tims Wendy Maj HQNV  
Subject: RE: (UNCLASSIFIED)

Bill, I shared your message below with the JAG. The BRP proceedings were initiated by a Governor's Executive Order and therefore, if a formal AG opinion is sought it should be the Panel or the Governor's office requesting it. As neither I or the NG itself is officially part of the process, only certain members appointed by the Governor, it would not be me who asks for the opinion. It is also not my decision how you or the Panel chooses to proceed as, again, I am not part of that process. I suggest you ask for the opinion of the Governor's legal advisor, Josh Hicks, on how you should proceed. It is not I who asked for or raised the issue of the Open Meeting Law. It is my understanding that this issue was raised by Ron Bath. And, as the meetings that occur at the Guard are part of our Federal Processes and not part of a formal "State Public Body" established by State Executive or Legislative order or statute, the "State" open meeting laws do not apply.

v/r  
Maj Gen Cindy Kirkland  
The Adjutant General, NVNG  
Director, Nevada Military Department  
(775)887-7302/DSN 530-7302  
Cell: (775)287-5059

-----Original Message-----

From: Burks William R Brig Gen [mailto:William.Burks@pentagon.af.mil]  
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2008 2:37 PM  
To: Kirkland Cindy BG, HQNV/TAG  
Cc: Fitch, Bob; mark.bittick@us.army.mil; ron.bath@rjbath.com; Fornof, Terrence B Col USAF ACC USAFWC/A8, NV ANG; McCaffrey, Peter M Col USAF ACC USAFWC/A5,CCR; Schwamm, Michael A Col USAF ACC USAFWC/CCG; TURNER, GARY G Col 152 AW/CC/CC; Tims, Wendy Maj  
Subject: FW: (UNCLASSIFIED)  
Importance: High

Gen

At a recent BRP meeting, it was mentioned that you were wondering if BRP deliberations and meetings were subject to the open meeting law, and so we sought clarification. Please find the attached opinion rendered from the NNG's JAG office concerning the subject.

Since LTC Blower, as a department legal advisor, suggests an AG opinion, if such an opinion is sought, we would defer that request to you at the cabinet level. The long term impact of his conservative interpretation may very well open up all meetings you and the other senior members of the NNG conduct within and for the State of Nevada's Military Department. Please note that the BRP does not receive any "Nevada Tax Revenues" for its purpose, and will only craft alternatives for the Governor, but on the other hand, the NNG does receive tax revenues for its state mission.

If you desire, we are prepared to post notice and open the meetings to



whomever might appear. In my humble opinion it could open "Pandora's Box" to long time National Guard mis-contents, anti-military groups and the likes. But the BRP wants to be totally within the bounds of the law at all times, and never jeopardize the Nevada Military Department. My suggestion would be that since we normally are discussing most issues at the classified level, that you to take the position that we are not subject to the requirement and that we press forward with our work. A middle ground alternative could be that we post notice and open the meetings once our report is ready to be forwarded to Gov Gibbons, but I am standing by to hear how you wish to proceed.

V/r

Bill

----- Original Message -----

From: Blower, Rick LTC <rick.blower@us.army.mil>  
To: Fitch, Bob BG <bffitch@nevpa.com>  
Cc: Burks, William BG <william.burks@nvreno.af.mil>  
Sent: Wed May 14 12:44:41 2008  
Subject: RE: (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

BG Fitch and BG Burks,

Attached please find my opinion concerning the BRP and Nevada's Open Meeting Law (OML). As I note, this is my first foray into this issue, and am certainly not an expert on the issue. However, my review of the statutes and Attorney General opinions leads me to conclude that the BRP may be subject to the OML. I recommend that the BRP seek an opinion from the Attorney General's office to get a ruling on this issue.

Rick Blower, Lt Col  
SJA  
JFHQ-NV  
Phone (775) 884-8411  
Fax (775) 887-7279  
Cell (775) 720-9983

-----Original Message-----

From: Fitch, Bob [mailto:BFitch@nevpa.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2008 8:49 AM  
To: Blower, Rick LTC  
Cc: Burks, William BG  
Subject:

Rick, would you please provide an initial reading of the applicability of Nevada's Open Meeting Law as it relates to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel? The purpose is to then have the TAG make a decision as to how to proceed with respect to the BRP and Open Meetings in an unclassified venue. Will we need to get an opinion from the Attorney General's office as well? Our next scheduled meeting is 21 May 08. Thanks...Bob

Bob Fitch

Change Management, Manager

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**Jim Gibbons**

**From:** Dianne Cornwall

**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2008 11:26 AM

**To:** 'JimDenton1@aol.com'; sig@lasvegaspr.com; 'Monte Miller'; Michael Dayton; 'Ronald Bath'; 'Bunker Kenneth CMSgt HQNV/CCA'

I am scheduling a conference call for tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the re-engineering issue that has been being discussed. I believe that I sent each of you the information I have gathered to date - all I want to do tomorrow is to define the structure we are going to use and not the people who will serve. This will allow us to at least define the process for those who get appointed. The dial in number is 888-557-8511 access code 2599113. This should not take more than 30 minutes - I hope it did not leave anyone off the list

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## Jim Gibbons

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**From:** Dawn Gibbons [dawngibbons@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2008 6:54 AM  
**To:** Deanna Lazovich  
**Cc:** Jim Gibbons; Steve Saylot; RALPH TODDRE  
**Subject:** Autism project celebrating Mansion centennial

Steve Saylor needs to coordinate taking Jim's picture for our Autism Centennial project celebrating 100 years of the mansion. We have already done picture and channel 4 did a story with Richard Bryan. We are currently getting the other governors scheduled in the very near future. Channel 4 does a story when we take a governor's picture and ties it with a story about Autism if this is fine with Jim. Steve Saylor will contact you today or tomorrow to set this up. Thanks.

Warmest Nevada regards,  
Dawn

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**Kelly J. Chouinard**

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**From:** Jim Gibbons  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 7:21 AM  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Subject:** Fw: No new taxes & No sanctuary cities

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bob Yeary <ray89110@yahoo.com>  
**To:** Jim Gibbons  
**Sent:** Tue May 13 14:49:45 2008  
**Subject:** No new taxes & No sanctuary cities

Please honor your pledge to not raise taxes. Also, Las Vegas is a SANCTURY city with more than 300,000 illegal aliens . The sheriff protects them, which violates federal law and burdens our schools, hospitals etc, and costs 100's of millions of dollars to our budget deficit. ILLEGALS bring more CRIME and DRUGS to our community. Thanks for the drugs dogs being used on I - 15. I understand they are very busy. Your congressional voting record to secure our border and stop the illegal alien invasion was excellent. Please continue enforcing the laws as Governor and force AG Cortez to ENFORCE AB 383 which punishes employers of illegal/undocumented alien workers who take jobs from NEVADANS and keep wages and taxes low. Remember your oath of office to enforce ALL the law ( unlike the sheriff ) and remember that we ARE being INVADED by ILLEGAL ALIENS.

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## Jim Gibbons

**From:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 16, 2008 10:24 AM  
**To:** Michael Dayton  
**Cc:** Jim Gibbons  
**Subject:** RE: Nick Vander Poel

Josh is not Nick's legal counsel - stop this - we need to address this - it is a complaint about a staff member that needs to be taken care of - if Nick needs legal counsel there he can hire his own

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Dayton  
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2008 10:22 AM  
To: Dianne Cornwall  
Subject: Re: Nick Vander Poel

I have an 8 am meeting in Reno with IGT to talk about the NGA meeting in Las Vegas this fall. So, I should be in around 10 am on Monday. I would anticipate that Nick will request that Josh as legal counsel be in the meeting.

Michael Dayton  
Chief of Staff  
Governor Jim Gibbons

----- Original Message -----

From: Dianne Cornwall  
To: Michael Dayton  
Sent: Wed Apr 16 10:13:13 2008  
Subject: RE: Nick Vander Poel

He solicited free tickets to two concerts - you can see the letter but I am not using it in this instance --

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Dayton  
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2008 9:55 AM  
To: Dianne Cornwall  
Subject: Re: Nick Vander Poel

I will be in Carson City on Monday. I would like to review the evidence of his wrongdoing before the meeting, so I can properly address the situation.

Michael Dayton  
Chief of Staff  
Governor Jim Gibbons

----- Original Message -----

From: Dianne Cornwall  
To: Michael Dayton; Jim Gibbons  
Sent: Wed Apr 16 09:48:36 2008  
Subject: Nick Vander Poel

Here is the draft letter to Nick Van Der Poel - This needs to be given to Nick in a one on one meeting - Mike perhaps I can meet with Nick and you can "dial in" This needs to be reinforced! Or if you are going to be in Reno - we can give it to him then - he has also done this with the Venetian - although I did not get anything in writing from them

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**Jim Gibbons**

**From:** Dianne Cornwall

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 9:21 AM

**To:** Michael Dayton

**Cc:** Jim Gibbons

Mike I met with the governor this morning and he gave the following assignment: Sheldon Adelson wants to know what the law requires regarding foreign investors and gaming licenses, i.e., do they have to go through the same review as investors that reside in the Usa - also how are education contributions disclosed? Are they the same for public education and private or do they have to report at all - once you have the information if you would call Mr. Adelson it would be appreciated. This would probably also apply to the petition that is being circulated - who is funding the group and what are the reporting requirements

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**Jim Gibbons**

**From:** Michael Dayton  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 9:47 AM  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Cc:** Jim Gibbons  
**Subject:** RE:

Nevado State law requires shareholders, including foreign investors, with a stake of more than 10 percent in a Nevada gaming company. I spoke to Sheldon recently about Dubai World and he expressed to me his concerns. This month, Dubai World, the government-owned conglomerate of the Arab state, has filed an application for a Nevada gaming license with the expectation of buying more than 10 percent of MGM Mirage's outstanding stock.

I am not sure what you mean by "education contributions".

The teacher's union has to file contributions and expenses like any other registered advocacy group. The teachers union is funded by teacher dues.

**From:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 9:21 AM  
**To:** Michael Dayton  
**Cc:** Jim Gibbons  
**Subject:**

Mike I met with the governor this morning and he gave the following assignment: Sheldon Adelson wants to know what the law requires regarding foreign investors and gaming licenses, i.e., do they have to go through the same review as investors that reside in the USA - also how are education contributions disclosed? Are they the same for public education and private or do they have to report at all - once you have the information if you would call Mr. Adelson it would be appreciated. This would probably also apply to the petition that is being circulated - who is funding the group and what are the reporting requirements

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**Jim Gibbons**

**From:** Michael Dayton  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 08, 2008 12:02 PM  
**To:** 'Bruce James'  
**Cc:** Jim Gibbons; 'sig@lasvegaspr.com'; mmiller@key-state.com; Dianne Cornwall; Josh Hicks; Ben Kieckhefer; Nick Vander Poel  
**Subject:** suggestions for SAGE

Chairman James,

The fallawing are same suggestians far yaur review. All are highly respected and have a supportive relationship with the Gavernar.

**Heather Murrar:** One of the mast respected wamen in sauthern Nevada. Strang Wall Street background. Very knowledgeable in the healthcare area. Visianary leader af the Nevada Cancer Institute.

**Tany Alamo, Sr.:** Highly regarded farmer tap executive with Mandalay Bay Graup. Praminent Hispanic leader and with gaming background. Knowledgeable about many key aspects: purchasing, persannel, budgets. Lang-time Gibbons backer.

**Carale Vilardo:** Nevada Taxpayers Assaciation chief. Respected and has deep institutianal knowledge about state finances. Her name has been mentianed praminently far a spat an the cammission in the media.

**William Rogers:** Chief Financial Officer af Sierra Pacific Resaources. Recammended by Tany Sanchez. West Paint grad and farmer executive with Merrill Lynch. Gaad background in banking and energy.

**Steve Hill:** Headed ane af largest building supply companies in sauthern Nevada. Very knowledgeable af the real estate market and strang supporter af the Gavernar.

**Luther Mack:** Very respected African American fram narthern Nevada. Successful business awner af several McDanald's restaurants in Rena/Sparks. Serves as a Directar af Bayd Gaming and farmer chair af Nevada Athletic Cammission.

**Jim Gibbons**

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**From:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2008 11:20 AM  
**To:** Josh Hicks  
**Cc:** Ben Kieckhefer; Michael Dayton  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up on Northern Nevada Producer Milk

**Attachments:** California Milk Proclamation 6-08 (2).doc; Memo - D Cornwall Jun 2 2008 (2).doc



California Milk Memo - D Cornwall  
Proclamation 6... Jun 2 2008 (...)

Attached is background information that was gathered at the request of the Governor. A failon Dairy operator called him and complained that he could not get his milk sold and that he was going to have to go out of business. Mark French pulled together the attached information - can we do something like this to assist our Nevada dairy operators?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mark French  
**Sent:** Monday, June 02, 2008 1:53 PM  
**To:** Dianne Cornwall  
**Cc:** Mendy K. Elliott  
**Subject:** Follow-up on Northern Nevada Producer Milk

Attached is an update on producer milk problems in Northern Nevada.

Mark French  
Executive Director  
State of Nevada Dairy Commission  
1530 East Sahara Suite 112  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104  
(702) 486-8212 Ext 224  
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